

*An Account of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Dutchess of York,  
their Arrival and Reception in Scotland, the 26. of Octob. 1680.*

*In a Letter from a Gentleman of their Highnesses Retinue, to a Friend in LONDON.*

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**I** Know it will be acceptable to You to know how it fares with us; and therefore till the next, (the Post being now going,) pray accept this hasty account: We have been in great Difficulties at Sea; Infomuch, that though we serve the best of Masters, we begin to wish there were no such thing as *Popery* in the world, or that all Man-kind would come into it; for we you know have no such Zeal for any thing as our own ease, and do complain more then ever to be thus tossed about; And it is with admiration, that we behold the great Spirit of our Master stooping to this course usage. On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. we arriv'd at *Fife*, and were conducted to my *Lord Chancellor's* House at *Lesley* by all the well-affected Nobility and Gentry that could be drawn together from all parts; But to deal truly with you, They, together with His Majesties Guards, made not a Body of above 100 Horse, at which his Highness did something wonder, the Country of *Fife* being the best and most populous part of *Scotland*. Yesterday their Highnesses and Train having been splendidly entertain'd by my *Lord Chancellor*, went on Board their Yatches, and arriv'd at *Leith* in the dusk of the evening, by which the Glory of our Entry here was much eclipsed: But we found it was so order'd by the Politick Managers, because the Show was all of our own making; for we had not a Reception to our expectation, being only complemented by the Militia of *Leith*, and this City, which were drawn up between *Leith* and the *Abby*; Indeed our fast friends did their best to have a better respect paid to their Highnesses, and cited the Gentry of 8 Southern Shires to attend them, and at least forty Gentlemen came in to congratulate our Arrival; And we are told at our entering *Holy-rood-house*, that many more had Complemented his Highness with their Presence, but that it hath been maliciously reported, that He intends to press on something about the Militia of this Kingdom, to which many of the Gentry do manifest great aversion; But that is not all, for we found an unlucky rumour here that his Highness is accused of something of an high nature in your Parliament; And though we are no way thoughtful about that, we do find, that even the Report (though false,) doth unspeakably disserve his Highness, and that he will meet with rudeness from these false People if his treatment at *London* be contrary to our expectation. We are not so well accommodated as at *S. James's*; and yet whatever the matter is, we do rather dread then desire to return to you; So that sometimes I fear things are worse than we are perswaded to believe, and that we shall not see you whilst the *Parliament* sits. I was willing to tell you thus much, because I believe you will not be told it in your *Gazet*: Let me know what the terrible Men at *Westminster* are Acting, and what you think of our Case; and pray believe, that where-ever I am, I will be, Dear Sir,